

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Announces:

Eleventh Meeting of the Mississippi River/ Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force

September 1, 2004
St. Paul, Minnesota

- Meeting Location:** The Science Museum of Minnesota
120 West Kellogg Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55102
Phone: (651) 221-9444 or (800) 221-9444
Fax: (651) 221-4777
- Preregistration:** There is no fee to attend the meeting, but you must preregister. Meeting materials will be available only for registered participants. Please complete the attached form and mail it to EPA's contractor at the following address: Melissa Canfield, Tetra Tech, Inc., 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 340, Fairfax, VA 22030 or fax it to (703) 385-6007. **Registrations must be received by no later than August 27, 2004.**
- Meeting Specifics** The Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force will hold a public meeting on September 1, 2004, from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the Science Museum of Minnesota. Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m.
- Hotel Reservations** **Attendees are responsible for making their own travel and hotel arrangements.** A block of rooms has been reserved at the government rate at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel St. Paul. Rooms are \$110/night for single and double rooms, plus 13% sales tax. (Check-in is 3:00 p.m. and check-out is noon) To make reservations, call (800) 333-3333 or (651) 292-1900 and ask for the "Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Task Force Meeting." **The cutoff date for the reserved block of rooms is August 22, 2004. All reservations must be accompanied by a first-night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.**
- Hotel Amenities** All guest rooms and suites include a coffee maker, remote control television with in-room movies, telephone with voice mail and data port, hairdryer, iron with ironing board, and clock radio.
- For More Information**
on Meeting Content: Contact Katie Flahive, USEPA Headquarters at (202) 566-1206;
e-mail: flahive.katie@epa.gov
- on Logistics:** Contact Melissa Canfield, Tetra Tech, Inc. at (703) 385-6000, ext.166;
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Preregistration Form

This form may be photocopied. Please type or print clearly

Name: _____

Title: _____

**Company/
Organization:** _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

e-mail: _____

Mail, fax, or e-mail the completed form to EPA's contractor:

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Meeting Goals:

1. Provide an update and discuss Task Force members' comments on recent activities and progress on the *Action Plan for Reducing, Mitigating, and Controlling Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico (Action Plan)*.
 2. Adopt a plan for the 2005 Reassessment as called for in Action Item 11 of the *Action Plan*.
 3. Continue to develop a method for measuring progress towards reaching the goals of the *Action Plan*.
 4. Outline appropriate actions to continue and revise the *Action Plan*.
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Wednesday, September 1, 2004

8:00 Continental Breakfast and Registration
***The Science Museum of Minnesota
Discovery Hall***
120 West Kellogg Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55102

8:30 Welcome and Introductions (Benjamin H. Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, US EPA; Sheryl Corrigan, Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency)

9:00 Showing of "After the Storm" Video Segment on Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia

9:10 Current State of Hypoxia in the Gulf, 2004

Action Two: Subbasin Committees – Status

9:40 Upper Mississippi

10:00 Ohio

10:10 Lower Mississippi

10:15 Missouri

10:20 Break

Actions Three, Four, and Five: Monitoring, Modeling, and Research Committee and Future Coordination

10:35 Monitoring, Modeling, and Research

Action Seven: Nutrient Reduction Actions by the Corps of Engineers

10:50 Louisiana Coastal Area Study

Action Eight: Clean Water Act Authorities

11:00 Mississippi/Missouri Sierra Club Petition Outcome

Actions Nine and Ten: Current Opportunities

11:15 Federal and State Programs

11:30 Lunch – on your own

Action Eleven: Looking ahead

1:00 Proposal for 2005 Reassessment

2:30 Break

Actions One and Six: Funding and Innovative Nutrient Reduction Strategies at the Local Level

3:00 Report from Industry-Led Solutions, Gulf II Meeting

3:30 Public comments

4:00 Task Force Discussion

4:30 Closing